

### *Amendments to the Claims*

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1-14. Canceled

15. (Amended) A kit for assessing the expression of T cell receptor variable subunit  $\beta$  in a patient, said kit comprising:

nucleic acid sequences consisting of SEQ ID Nos: 33-55;  
an enzyme capable of performing a polymerase chain reaction; and  
buffer solutions capable of supporting said polymerase chain reaction;  
~~wherein each of SEQ ID Nos: 33-55 consists of the respective specific sequences set forth in Table 2 of the Specification and variations thereof that differ by no more than eight nucleotides.~~

16. (Original) The kit of claim 15, wherein said kit further comprises deoxynucleotide triphosphates.

17-18. Canceled

19-20. Canceled